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62. (New) A method according to claim 56, wherein said hydroxyalkylating agent is propylene oxide or ethylene oxide.

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REMARKS

Examiner White is thanked for his careful consideration of the application.

As defined in each of claims 48 and 56, the invention is directed towards a method for preparing a cold water soluble starch that is cold-water soluble, non-pasting, and crosslinked. Such starch is not disclosed by Eastman. Eastman repeatedly teaches narrow conditions should be used to avoid pasting of the starch, thus teaching that the starch prepared therein is a pasting starch (despite the teaching of a high DS). (Col 5, l. 7-8, 48-50, 65-68, Col 6, l. 8-11, 39-43). Eastman also teaches to avoid crosslinking; see col. 4. The section 103 rejection accordingly cannot be applied to the pending claims.

The art cited earlier against the present application is likewise not seen to teach or suggest the present invention. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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